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Adinolfi Supports Military Family Legislation

Legislator sponsors bill to ensure families of service members serving in combat zones have assistance.

HARTFORD - State Representative Al Adinolfi (R-Cheshire) has sponsored legislation this session that would ensure that the families of those serving in combat zones in the armed services get adequate assistance. As a member of the new Veterans Affairs Committee of the legislature, Representative Adinolfi has announced that he will do all he can to get this package passed.

The bill, ***Raised Bill 6626, An Act Concerning Assistance to Military Families***, would postponing loan principal payments due by such members or families to assist with repayment of loans to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority. It would also waive or defer tuition or educational assistance for dependent children of service members, create therapeutic support for such families, ensure schools and school psychologists have sufficient information and resources available to help the children of such members, and provide legal assistance to such families.

"The members of our armed services who are in combat zones around the world currently deployed in the global war on terrorism are making an enormous sacrifice for the safety and preservation of our nation and its freedom," said Representative Adinolfi. "Their families are also making enormous sacrifices by enduring the hardship of being without their loved ones while they are deployed, and many often are made to do without the service member's income. Some service members make only a fraction of their regular salaries while they are deployed. This legislation will help ease some of the burdens these members and their families face, while providing some critical assistance services."

The bill was passed unanimously by the Veterans Affairs Committee and has now been sent before the Appropriations Committee, of which Representative Adinolfi is also a member.